

Charlotte, Vermont
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Prof. Asa Gray.

Dear Sir:

The little book, mentioned in one or two letters to you during the year past: "The Orchids of New England" will be issued from the press in a few days, and I have instructed my publishers, Messrs Wiley & Sons, of New York, to send a copy to you which I beg you to accept.

You will find that in addition to the extracts from your Manual which you kindly allowed me to make, that I have inserted portions of your articles on the fertilization of our native Orchids, from the Journal of Science and have copied in smaller size two of the illustrations in the Text Book of Botany. It was an oversight and not through unfair intention that I made these two copies without consulting you, and therefore, that I may repay

you, by that you will call upon me for the use of any electrotypes of the original drawings in my book, if you can make use of them in any publication of your own, or that you will let me make some original drawings for you of flowers or plants. These I should be glad to give you, without compensation.

The book is, I fear, too popular and unsystematic, but I have found often corresponding with our New England botanists that few have studied the Orchid family, carefully and that printed matter relating to it is very scattered and hard to get at, so that my humble attempt to collect this material may be appreciated by amateurs, if despised by practical botanists. I feel, my dear sir, that the best part of the book is that borrowed from you, and hope I have quoted correctly and given you full credit.

Very truly yours,

Henry Baldwin

This letter found in
The Orchids of New England
by Henry Baldwin

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